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SUBJ: ISRAEL'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY--AMODEST CELEBRATION

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SUMMARY: THE SOBER MOOD OF ISRAEL IN 1975 WAS REFLECTED IN THE MODEST LOW KEY APRIL 16 FESTIVITIES OF THE NATION'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. IN CONTRAST TO THE PROUD SELF-CONFIDENT TONE OF THE 1973 CELEBRATION, SYMBOLIZED BY THE MILITARY PARADE THROUGH JERUSALEM, AND THE GLOOM OF THE 1974 EVENT, WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON THE WAR DEAD AND THE POWS, THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS REFLECTED THE DUAL THEMES OF NATIONAL RECOVERY AND A SEARCH FOR CLEARER SOCIAL AND MORAL DIMENSIONS TO JEWISH EXISTENCE IN ISRAEL. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHTED THE URGENCY OF SOCIAL REFORM, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GREATER INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN BRINGING ABOUT A BETTER SOCIETY, END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1. AMONG THE MAIN EVENTS WERE THE TRADITIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES FOR THE NATION'S WAR DEAD ON THE DAY PRECEDING INDEPENDENCE DAY; THE UNVEILING OF THE NATION'S NEWEST JET FIGHTER PLANE, THE Kfir, AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT, A FESTIVE BEETHOVEN CONCERT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE ISRAEL PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY FEATURING A SPECIAL AWARD TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER MEIR FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE. JERUSALEM MAYOR KOLLEK MODIFIED HIS TRADITIONAL OUTDOOR MID-MORNING RECEPTION BY OPENING IT UP TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IN GENERAL, ISRAELIS CELEBRATED THE DAY IN SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND PICNICS, OR SIMPLY BY STROLLING THROUGH THE CITY STREETS. AS ONE NEWSPAPER SUMMED IT UP, THE EVENT WAS FETED "WITH MODES JOY".

2. PRIME MINISTER RABIN, SPEAKING ON TELEVISION, TOLD THE NATION THAT THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEXT TEN YEARS--IN ADDITION TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE WITH ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS AND THE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR IF PEACE CANNOT BE ATTAINED--WAS TO SEEK INTERNAL GROWTH AND A CHANGE IN SOCIAL VALUES. HAVING ACHIEVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE, ISRAELIS NOW HAD TO INFUSE IT WITH SOCIAL AND HUMAN PURPOSE FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR WORLD JEWRY. RABIN BELIEVED THAT THIS DEPENDED IN LARGE PART ON A NATIONAL EFFORT TO REORDER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GOVERNMENT; TO STRENGTHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FORMER AND REDUCE A SENSE OF FATALISTIC DEPENDENCY ON THE LATTER. REFERRING TO THE WAVE OF SCANDALS INVOLVING PUBLIC FIGURES NOW COMING TO LIGHT, RABIN STRESSED THE DEEPER PROBLEM--THAT SOCIAL NORMS HAD IMPLICITLY LEGITIMATED A DISHONEST RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL. TAX REFORM, SCHOOL REFORM, GREATER VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD AND REDUCTION OF INEQUALITIES WERE AMONG THE NATION'S TOP PRIORITIES. HE ATTACKED THE HISTADRUT AS AMONG THE MOST ANTIQUATED OF TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD. (SEPTTEL)

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3. AT ISRAEL PRIZE CEREMONIES, EDUCATION MINISTER YADLIN ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR A CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S MORAL CLIMATE. YADLIN SAID THAT ISRAEL "FACES DECAY" UNLESS ITS MORAL AND SOCIAL IMAGE IS REPAIRED. THE PRESENT TREND MUST BE REVERSED--AND FAST; OTHERWISE THE NATION FACES "SURE FAILURE" TOMORROW.  
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